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COUNTY OFFICERS.

COMMISSIONERS.

WARREN H. BUTLER.....Chesterfield.
 DANIEL R. COLE.....Keene.
 RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE.....Jaffrey.

TREASURER.

JEROME E. WRIGHT.....Keene.

SOLICITOR.

CHARLES H. HERSEY.....Keene.

SHERIFF.

WILLIAM S. TUTTLE.....Keene.

CLERK OF SUPREME COURT.

LEWIS W. HOLMES.....Keene.

JUDGE OF PROBATE.

JOHN T. ABBOTT.....Keene.

REGISTER OF PROBATE.

WILTON H. SPALTER.....Keene.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

CHARLES C. BUFFUM.....Keene.

AUDITORS.

FRANCIS C. FAULKNER.....Keene.

HERBERT B. VIAL.....Keene.

CORONER.

CLARK F. ROWELL.....Keene.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

VIRGIL A. WRIGHT.....Keene.

SUPERINTENDENT OF FARM.

ASA A. WHITMAN.....Westmoreland.

CHAPLAIN.

REV. GEORGE H. FRENCH.....Westmoreland.

PHYSICIANS.

DR. GARDNER C. HILL.....Keene.

DR. JAMES A. CRAIG.....Westmoreland.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of the County of Cheshire :

It becomes our duty at the close of the year to present to you for inspection our report of the county farm, jail, house of correction, and all other county affairs.

By examining the report of the superintendent of the county farm, jailer, etc., you will find a more minute description relative to the condition of those entrusted to their care, together with the cost of maintenance and current expenses of the same.

As commissioners of Cheshire county, it has been our aim and purpose to deal justly, and at the same time using prudence and care to provide for the poor and needy who have come under our supervision. Since our last report there has been constructed a new and commodious building solely for the insane. This structure meets with a long-required want. It is nearly ready for occupancy. By an appropriation of the county delegation we are enabled to have such a structure. In regard to this new department you are referred to the report of the superintendent, who describes it fully.

We have enlarged the farm somewhat by the purchase of the Smith farm during the year just closed. This purchase was made with the intention of increasing the water supply at the farm. We are now provided with an abundance of good water. We built a dam, but that gave way, and we have replaced it with a temporary one for the winter. In the spring our intention is to put in another of different type.

Not only is the farm benefited by this increase of water

supply, but by owning a good wood lot and extra tillage land, which we have found to be of extra good service to the farm. This purchase also was made by special appropriation of the delegation, which the records of said convention will show.

COUNTY FARM.

With untired zeal and ever-watchful care, Mr. and Mrs. Asa A. Whitman have labored for those who have been committed to their charge, at the same time looking for the best interests of the county. We, as commissioners, have always expressed the thought that it would be difficult to find a couple whose lives and deeds are taken up with trying to alleviate the suffering and make the lives of these dependent ones more cheerful and happy. If the citizens of the county will just visit the institution they will soon be convinced that all that can be done for the county's poor is carried out by the superintendent and his assistants.

The cost of maintaining the inmates at the farm has been slightly increased during 1897, by reason of the fact that many of those who have heretofore been boarded by the several towns have become county charges. So you may easily see that this has greatly decreased our income in that line. Then, again, we have had to pay our officers for fifteen months. These two items we speak of more particularly, on account of the changes in the law by the last session of the legislature.

OUTSIDE POOR.

This department has also been more expensive than the year previous, on account of changes in law, thus making many more county paupers, who otherwise were town charges.

Aid to dependent soldiers has decreased.

The commissioners extend to the citizens of the county, and all others who have in any way assisted in the care and management of county affairs, their sincere thanks.

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

The commissioners, from time to time, have made thorough investigation in regard to the affairs of these two departments, and always find them to be perfectly managed and in a complete sanitary condition. One thing we have noticed during the year which we believe has never been known before in the county—that is, that there was a time during the year when there was not a single person detained in either place.

The commissioners would make this one suggestion in regard to those who are sentenced to the house of correction. Thus, that more of those who are sentenced to be confined therein should be sent to the county farm. Then we can supply them with plenty of employment; and in our minds this would greatly lessen the number of convicts thus sent, and be of less expense to the county.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN H. BUTLER,
DANIEL R. COLE,
RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,
Commissioners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ORDERS AND RECEIPTS.

Orders drawn on treasurer, \$43,978 76

RECEIPTS.

COUNTY FARM.

Westmoreland Creamery, cream,	\$61 55
H. J. Dutton, cash,	21 00
Four fowls,	2 00
Westmoreland Creamery, October, cream,	58 82
George Patten, pig,	3 00
S. J. Chickering, cash,	5 00
Westmoreland Creamery, November, cream,	41 37
W. F. Wallace, pair of oxen,	100 00
S. Chickering, cash,	15 00
Westmoreland Creamery, December, cream,	61 90
Fred E. Cole, 10 bushels rye (65 cents),	6 50
Clark Hendrick, pig,	1 50
Westmoreland Creamery, January, cream,	49 14
William Lewis, differences in trade,	9 00
Oscar Ware, calf,	1 00
Oscar Ware, calf,	1 00
Westmoreland Creamery, February, cream,	43 94
S. J. Chickering, 2 cows,	50 00
John Werrell, 1 fowl,	1 00
F. B. Pierce, use of boar,	1 00
J. B. Goodnow, 2 shoters,	6 50
John Burt, beef, hides and pork,	23 78
F. C. Howe, March, cream,	54 86

One setting of eggs,	\$0 75
Keith, gal. vinegar,	10
Oscar Ware, use of boar,	50
G. F. Kathan, 1 file,	19
F. C. Howe, April, cream,	45 60
Use of boar,	50
Buffum, 2 pigs,	4 00
E. J. Holden, 1 pig,	2 00
R. E. Fisher, 4 pigs,	8 00
Horace Casey, 2 pigs,	4 00
Mrs. Hunt, 1 pig,	2 00
A. Hunnewell, shoes and hat,	1 20
William LaPort, tobacco,	40
F. C. Howe, cream, May and June,	96 62
Use of team,	1 00
C. H. Leach, 2 pigs,	4 00
Gilman D. Frost,	9 00
Two dinners,	50
Oscar Ware, 1 pig,	2 00
Fred May,	3 50
F. C. Howe, July, cream,	42 57
S. J. Chickering, 2 heifers,	46 00
John Goodnow, 30 barrels,	3 00
Butterfield, 2 pigs,	6 00
F. C. Howe, August, cream,	20 61
Earl Warren, cider apples,	29 86
E. A. Johnson, calves,	4 00
S. J. Chickering, difference in trade,	25 00
R. E. Fisher, use of team,	75
Valley Creamery, September and October, cream,	97 52
R. E. Fisher, 10 pigs,	20 00
Valley Creamery, November, cream,	64 80
Premium Grange Fair,	50
W. Bill, 2 pigs,	4 00
John Goodnow, apples,	38 75
Pat Culliton, 2 pigs,	6 00
A. A. Whitman, clothing,	2 00

Town of Swanzev, board of paupers,	\$164 00
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	11 07
H. D. Pierce, guardian, board, John Buxton,	52 57
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	43 19
Warren H. Butler, guardian, board Sa- rah Pratt,	36 00
A. R. Gleason, guardian, board, Mrs. White,	65 71
Town of Swanzev, board of paupers,	168 50
Henry D. Pierce, guardian, board, John Buxton,	52 93
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	10 71
Frank M. Holman, guardian, board, Mrs. Thomas,	20 00
Town of Hinsdale, board of paupers,	205 40
Henry D. Pierce, guardian, board, Buxton,	19 42
Warren H. Butler, guardian, board, Sa- rah Pratt,	36 00
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	11 07
Warren H. Butler, guardian, board, Sarah Pratt,	36 00
City of Keene, board, paupers,	166 67
W. H. Butler, guardian, board, Grace Hale,	41 78
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	10 00
City of Keene, board, paupers,	351 13
Mary I. Parks, board, Charles Parks,	9 30
Warren H. Butler, board, Sarah Pratt,	36 00
Ned Pierce, board, self and help,	9 92
Enoch Aiken, board, Mrs. Aiken,	10 00
J. Fred Whitcomb, guardian, board, Spring,	37 53
Arthur Hunnewell, board, self and help,	221 50
F. M. Holman, guardian, board, Thomas,	52 00
Town of Hinsdale, board, paupers,	210 40
Charles L. Puffer, mixed feed,	28 02
L. W. Goss, board, self and help,	302 00
A. R. Gleason, guardian, board, Mrs. White,	74 00
Warren H. Butler, mixed feed,	51 52

\$3,760 42

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

City of Concord, care of Josiah Littlefield,	\$81 35
Town of Alstead, board, Arthur Fish,	7 99

\$89 34

EXPENDITURES.

COUNTY FARM AND ALMSHOUSE.

Mrs. E. A. Ware, assistant matron,	\$20 00
Walker & Pratt, stove fixtures,	6 60
L. W. Osborne, bone cutter,	8 00
E. A. Leadbetter, painting,	7 00
G. H. Hammond, butterine,	28 80
M. E. Robbins, labor,	5 75
J. A. W. Wilkerson, paper,	3 00
Rev. G. H. French, chaplain,	12 00
C. J. Leach, fresh fish,	11 84
J. M. Hallock, <i>Christian Work</i> ,	7 50
Fitchburg Railroad Co., freight,	18 94
G. F. Kathan, labor,	13 40
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguishers,	27 00
J. E. Hartwell, grinding,	23 76
H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing,	7 50
Sentinel Printing Co., paper,	5 00
New Era Tea Co.,	17 60
A. H. Rice, runner chain,	2 00
J. H. Pierce & Co., tea, coffee, etc.,	65 10
R. E. Fisher, butter,	17 60
S. J. Chickering, cow,	43 00
<i>New England Homestead</i> ,	1 00
R. E. Fisher, butter,	22 60
E. J. Goodnow, records, births and deaths,	2 86
W. M. Haskall, 1 hog,	15 00
Reformer Printing Co., paper,	3 02
H. W. Buckbee, garden seeds,	5 00
Rural Publishing Co., paper,	1 00

Warren Puffer, lumber,	\$8 80
Morris & White, wire guards,	13 08
Peter Henderson & Co., seeds,	1 00
C. J. Leach, fish,	14 81
Union Publishing Co., paper,	1 00
John L. Childs, seeds,	1 75
C. P. Boutell, labor,	57 76
Miss Belle H. Aldrich, labor,	75 00
J. H. Gregory & Sons, seeds,	4 04
R. E. Fisher, butter,	9 80
S. J. Chickering, 2 calves,	10 00
J. D. Goodnow, painting,	36 05
W. L. Goodnow, clothing,	13 88
L. B. Darling, fertilizer,	7 50
G. L. Hitchcock, drugs,	10 70
A. A. Whitman, expenses,	49 28
Mr. and Miss Whitman, services as super- intendent and matron,	500 00
E. F. Nims, services,	172 93
Miss May L. Eastman, services,	105 00
Olive M. Ellis, services,	26 00
Wilkinson & McGregor, goods,	5 00
J. R. Burt, meat,	18 15
Rev. G. H. French, services, chaplain,	24 00
E. P. Nims, ice,	3 10
E. M. Green, ice,	4 76
Lyman Chickering, cows,	100 00
C. H. Hart, tea,	5 75
Miss Belle H. Aldrich, labor,	7 50
W. E. Pierce, sawdust,	3 00
H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing,	10 52
Miller & House, vines,	3 00
Charles S. Fisher, table and robe,	11 00
David Russell, painting wagon,	8 00
Eclipse Planters' Co., brushes,	90
G. F. Kathan, labor,	37 10
H. K. Libby, leg iron,	10 50
O. H. White, seed potatoes,	9 00

G. F. Kathan, seed potatoes,	\$1 80
Fitchburg Railroad Co.,	23 05
J. F. French, services,	4 60
Packers' Union Fertilizer Company,	70 25
C. J. Leach, fish,	12 69
R. E. Fisher, butter,	1 80
S. J. Chickering, poultry, etc.,	15 00
New Era Tea Co.,	80
William LaPort, painting,	8 75
New Era Tea Co., coffee,	6 00
James Garvin, cutting stone,	60
S. J. Chickering, calves,	10 00
Eugene Robbins, labor,	10 50
F. C. Howe, butter,	7 77
W. C. Slocum, peaches,	2 00
Mrs. E. A. Hilan, labor,	15 75
Wilkinson & McGregor, repairs on harnesses,	3 80
A. A. Whitman, expenses,	24 24
A. A. Whitman and wife, services as super- intendent and matron,	500 00
Julia W. Hall, labor,	35 00
E. F. Nims, labor,	152 50
Forrest L. Carey, labor,	108 36
Olive M. Ellis, labor,	29 25
Mary L. Eastman, labor,	65 00
Stella E. Smart, labor,	38 50
W. M. Ware, bull and cultivator,	20 50
E. J. Hill, making butter,	1 47
New Era Tea Co., coffee,	4 00
E. A. Clark, extracts,	1 63
Rev. G. H. French, services,	20 00
Raymond Syndicate, clothing,	16 60
Olive M. Ellis, labor,	8 12
Wm. LaPort, painting,	52 50
Fitchburg Railroad Co.,	10 51
C. J. Leach, fish,	8 22
Mr. and Mrs. Whitman, services as super- intendent and matron,	250 00

A. A. Whitman, expenses,	\$10 91
E. F. Nims, labor,	75 00
Forrest Carey, labor,	60 00
Julia M. Hall, labor,	52 00
N. W. Darling, labor,	23 00
Mrs. N. W. Darling,	20 00
Mrs. E. A. Ware, assistant matron,	60 00
Frank L. Jarvis, blacksmithing,	10 60
W. E. Washburn, fish,	32 13
Calvin H. Ellis, lumber,	8 28
G. F. Kathan, labor,	32 00
H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing,	3 69
E. J. Goodnow, teaming,	3 00
Wm. W. Chase, horse feed,	7 35
Chase & Richards, clothing,	21 61
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., use of telephone,	78 85
Earl Warren, store goods,	259 26
J. W. Lord, store goods,	109 07
John R. Burt, meat,	65 99
Chase & Richards, clothing,	24 13
Davis & Wright, labor and stock,	39 52
Abbot Grocery Co., flour,	235 00
W. L. Goodnow Co.,	13 12
C. P. Bayley, medical services,	2 00
George L. Hitchcock, drugs, etc.,	7 15
Spencer & Co., hardware,	89 23
Eames & Towne, grain,	22 94
George M. Rossman, labor and stock,	37 57
David Russell, sleigh,	35 00
L. W. Britton, labor,	90 00
Abbott Grocery Co., sugar,	10 60
F. E. Washburn, fish,	17 31
Earl Warren, store goods,	168 88
J. W. Lord, store goods,	171 84
D. R. & F. A. Cole, grain,	33 20
C. H. Bridgman, groceries,	62 57
F. H. Wright & Co., shoes,	26 32

J. A. Craig, medical services,	\$78 25
Woodbury & Howard, beds and mattresses,	25 50
Bullard & Shedd, drugs and medicines,	14 92
Abbott Grocery Co., sugar,	13 07
J. Cushing & Co., flour and straw,	24 60
Holbrook Grocery Co., goods,	48 37
D. R. & F. A. Cole, grain,	32 10
Westmoreland taxes,	163 64
Eames & Towne, grain,	45 06
A. B. Skinner Co., goods,	4 25
Abbott Grocery Co., flour and sugar,	144 45
Earl Warren, store goods,	116 78
F. E. Washburn, fish,	12 65
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing,	7 95
G. W. Bent & Co., beds, etc.,	100 45
C. H. Bridgman, groceries,	61 98
C. L. Mansfield, phosphate,	28 00
Stella E. Smart, labor,	22 32
Mary L. Eastman, labor,	25 75
J. W. Lord, store goods,	175 11
George Rossman, labor and stock,	16 56
C. J. Leach, fish,	19 68
John R. Burt, meat,	91 27
F. H. Wright, boots and shoes,	14 15
John Woods, teaming,	16 50
N. N. Darling, labor,	21 00
Davis & Wright, labor and stock,	5 80
Holbrook Grocery Co., groceries,	54 15
Charles S. Fisher, tables, beds, etc.,	28 00
Earl Warren, groceries,	178 62
John R. Burt, meat,	146 06
C. J. Leach, fish,	17 16
Abbott Grocery Co., flour,	316 32
Henry Giffin, coal,	915 87
Frank L. Jarvis, blacksmithing,	23 63
J. E. Hartwell, grinding,	11 86
James W. Lord, store goods,	191 16
James A. Craig, medical services,	85 55

New England Telephone and Telegraph

Co., use of telephone,	\$16 45
H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing,	11 80
A. B. Skinner Co., goods,	8 43
E. H. Fletcher, rent of pasture,	87 41
Goodnow & Whitcomb, goods,	57 00
Bullard & Shedd, drugs, etc.,	23 65
F. H. Wright, boots and shoes,	17 93
H. D. Pierce, phosphate,	30 00
A. C. Cobb, teaming,	40 05
Simpson & Handy, mixed feed,	265 50
Spencer & Co., hardware,	141 58
E. J. Goodnow, lumber,	31 68
C. B. Perry, insurance,	37 20
Willard Bill, lumber and butter,	17 34
Vermont Machine Co., cream separator,	127 50
James R. Townsend, blankets,	35 00
G. H. Aldrich, insurance,	78 75
C. H. Bridgman, goods,	63 37
Chase & Richards, clothing,	3 92
George E. Holbrook & Co.,	2 25
Davis & Wright, labor and stock,	84 02
Boston Branch, goods,	21 16
C. B. Perry, insurance,	37 50
Holbrook Grocery Co., goods,	21 07
Sawyer & Mason, insurance,	180 50
L. W. Goss, lumber, etc.,	200 00
Ordinary current expenses,	<u>\$10,272 81</u>

EXPENSE OF NEW INSANE BUILDING.

L. W. Goss,	\$5,328 07
A. W. Hunnewell,	2,550 00
Work and material on foundation,	485 98
Fitchburg Railroad, freight,	55 05
D. H. Reed, stone and labor on same,	585 47

\$9,004 57

EXPENDITURES ON WATER SYSTEM.

E. Gustine & Son,	\$2,500 00
H. K. Barnes, hose, etc.,	181 35
Woodman Co.,	43 90
Willard Smith farm,	850 00
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	\$3,575 25

RELIEF TO OUTSIDE POOR IN TOWNS.

Alstead,	April	term,	\$66 37
	October	"	120 31
Chesterfield,	April	"	36 00
	October	"	72 00
Dublin,	April	"	72 00
	October	"	68 00
Fitzwilliam,	April	"	242 84
	October	"	83 45
Gilsum,	April	"	15 29
	October	"	20 22
Harrisville,	April	"	<hr/>
	October	"	25 67
Hinsdale,	April	"	769 66
	October	"	410 11
Jaffrey,	April	"	345 48
	October	"	47 00
Keene,	April	"	2,157 23
	October	"	1,910 39
Marlboro',	April	"	492 04
	October	"	178 78
Marlow,	April	"	154 80
	October	"	256 41
Nelson,	April	"	24 00
	October	"	28 00
Richmond,	April	"	143 31
	October	"	227 36
Rindge,	April	"	160 15
	October	"	129 60
Roxbury,	April	"	58 32
	October	"	2 50

Stoddard,	April	term,	\$127 14
	October	"	113 25
Sullivan,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____
Surry,	April	"	2 50
	October	"	47 56
Swanzey,	April	"	182 87
	October	"	166 47
Troy,	April	"	321 39
	October	"	273 19
Walpole,	April	"	231 96
	October	"	265 03
Westmoreland,	April	"	18 11
	October	"	_____
Winchester,	April	"	577 34
	October	"	746 59
Wood delivered to county paupers in Keene,			57 50
Miscellaneous expenses in city of Keene, including Dr. Hill's salary, etc.,			177 72

BOARD AND EXPENSES OF INMATES IN THE N. H. ASYLUM
AND STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

N. H. Asylum, board and clothing,	\$1,360 34
State Industrial School,	229 71
Orphans' Home, support of paupers,	143 00
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	\$1,733 05

RELIEF AND EXPENSES IN MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

G. G. Davis, board, Marshall Keyes,	\$106 12
Warren H. Butler, board, Edward Moulton,	51 84
Town of Lebanon, support of Sharkey family,	3 75
Frank Wright, boots and shoes,	3 00
Bullard & Shedd, drugs and medicines,	13 60
Support of Pike family,	56 00
T. N. Hastings, Robinson family,	30 00

W. H. Kiniry, aid to Pike family,	\$15 84
W. C. Brown, board, Emily Stearns,	13 50
Horace Bridge, Colman child,	10 00
E. H. Fletcher, expenses,	4 82
Sullivan county, aid, Jerry Gower,	8 88
F. C. Faulkner, counsel for Howard boy,	5 00
J. T. Abbott, counsel,	5 00
Dr. Dunham, medical services,	5 00
J. H. Scott, clothing for Reed girl,	20 00
Warren H. Butler, two trips to Concord and expenses,	20 00

\$372 35

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN TOWNS.

Alstead,	April	term,	\$24 00
	October	"	28 00
Chesterfield,	April	"	4 50
	October	"	2 90
Dublin,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____
Fitzwilliam,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____
Gilsum,	April	"	33 35
	October	"	38 62
Harrisville,	April	"	_____
	October	"	28 04
Hinsdale,	April	"	24 00
	October	"	23 83
Jaffrey,	April	"	19 78
	October	"	17 88
Keene,	April	"	154 78
	October	"	111 00
Marlboro',	April	"	_____
	October	"	21 48
Marlow,	April	"	75 04
	October	"	62 24
Nelson,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____

Richmond,	April	term,	_____
	October	"	_____
Rindge,	April	"	\$4 00
	October	"	29 58
Roxbury,	April	"	_____
	October	"	7 89
Stoddard,	April	"	5 00
	October	"	_____
Sullivan,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____
Surry,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____
Swanzy,	April	"	9 00
	October	"	43 40
Troy,	April	"	128 82
	October	"	84 07
Walpole,	April	"	_____
	October	"	_____
Westmoreland,	April	"	_____
	October	"	45 00
Winchester,	April	"	129 04
	October	"	228 39
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			\$1,383 63

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES.

Telephone service,	\$45 10
Gas consumed and furnishings,	97 90
Victoria Perry, cleaning court house,	3 07
Nims & Whitney, lumber,	2 41
Luke E. Joslin, removing ashes,	1 25
C. M. White, labor and lumber,	126 99
Henry Purcell, labor and lumber,	63 90
L. W. Holmes, furniture,	148 00
Pierson Bros., labor and stock,	18 60
C. C. Buffum, copying and indexing,	144 00
Geo. M. Rossman, labor and stock,	6 72
S. B. Bill, cleaning sidewalk,	9 50

C. C. Buffum, cleaning court house,	\$4 69
W. W. Clapp, labor and stock,	23 18
L. M. Holmes, furniture,	26 63
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	9 44
C. C. Buffum, cleaning court house,	8 55
S. D. Bill, labor,	2 75
H. W. Hubbard, labor and stock,	5 30
C. C. Buffum, care of court house and repairs,	129 80
A. B. Skinner estate,	50
A. M. Nims, water rates,	13 00
C. H. Bridgman, soap, etc.,	1 80
George Rossman, labor and stock,	50
The Davis & Wright Co.,	1 00
C. C. Buffum, cleaning court house,	7 82
Henry Giffin, coal,	166 61
Sarah M. Albee, cleaning court house,	1 50
A. D. Henshaw, cleaning and care of lawn and sidewalks,	19 05
W. B. Fitch, wood,	75
Ellen Carroll, cleaning court house,	8 75
H. W. Hubbard, labor and stock,	9 10
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	\$1,108 16

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Telephone service,	\$52 95
Gas consumed and repairs,	42 07
J. Cushing & Co., flour,	36 40
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	69 41
The Davis & Wright Co., labor,	50
Holbrook Co., codfish,	4 50
George M. Rossman, labor, etc.,	8 73
Anchor Supply Co., cots,	40 50
L. W. Wilder, wood delivered,	447 00
Geo. Tilden, goods,	1 00
Bullard & Shedd,	75
H. W. Hubbard, labor,	4 10

George M. Rossman, two mantels,	\$1 00
W. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses to July 1,	724 57
A. B. Skinner Co., goods,	8 50
Abbott Grocery Co., flour and sugar,	11 13
Keene Water Works, water,	3 00
A. M. Nims, sprinkling,	13 00
J. Cushing & Co.,	23 95
L. W. Wilder, wood,	79 77
W. S. Tuttle, goods,	158 22
The Davis & Wright Co.,	4 05
Elastic Coating Co.,	80 00
Henry Giffin, coal,	265 92
W. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses,	619 83
J. Cushing & Co., flour,	24 00
H. W. Hubbard, labor and stock,	13 90
W. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses to Jan. 1,	347 79
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	\$3,086 54

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By wood delivered city paupers,	\$57 50
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	\$3,029 04

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES—APRIL TERM, 1897.

W. S. Tuttle, salary, 6 months ending April 1,	\$150 00
W. S. Tuttle, 13 days' attendance at court,	39 00
S. O. Gates, 13 days' attendance at court,	32 50
H. A. Perry, 10 days' attendance at court,	25 00
J. W. Buckminster, 5 days' attendance at court,	12 50
W. L. Rixford, 5 days' attendance at court,	12 50
W. H. Hill, messenger, 12 days,	18 00
S. G. Abbott, chaplain,	2 00
A. J. LaRock, hacking,	4 35
A. G. Grimes, hacking,	4 25
H. Houghton, hacking,	25 00
Conveying Steven Hurley to state prison,	15 90

Conveying Wm. Emerson to state prison,	\$15 90
Conveying Jacob Granger to state prison,	15 90
Conveying Chas. Smith to state prison,	15 90
Conveying Daniel Murphy to state prison,	15 90
Conveying Thomas Mills to state prison,	15 90
Conveying Wm. DeBell to state prison,	15 90
Mrs. Makin, meals for jurors,	6 50

\$442 90

OCTOBER TERM, 1897.

W. S. Tuttle, salary, 6 months ending Oct. 1,	\$150 00
W. S. Tuttle, 12 days' attendance at court,	36 00
S. O. Gates, 12 days' attendance at court,	30 00
H. A. Perry, 11 days' attendance at court,	27 50
W. L. Rixford, 2 days' attendance at court,	5 00
W. H. Hill, messenger, 11 days,	16 50
S. G. Abbott, chaplain,	2 00
W. S. Tuttle, conveying George Robbins to state prison,	15 90
W. S. Tuttle, conveying Arthur Derosa to state prison,	15 00
W. S. Tuttle, conveying Arthur Nash to reform school,	18 00
Mrs. Makin, meals for jurors,	6 50
H. T. Houghton, hacking,	7 25
A. J. LaRock, hacking,	1 50
W. S. Tuttle, 3 months' salary, to Jan. 1, 1898,	75 00

\$406 15

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Cheshire Republican,	\$3 50
Sentinel Printing Co.,	117 50
W. H. Spalter, stationery,	26 34
George H. Tilden, stationery,	6 05
Mason & Blake, directories,	7 50

\$160 89

PROBATE OFFICE.

Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	\$81 25	
W. W. Clapp, labor,	7 73	
G. H. Tilden, stationery,	9 55	
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		\$98 53
Keene Furniture Co., case,		55 00
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		\$153 53

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. H. Hersey, salary and telephone,	\$165 49
John T. Abbott, counsel,	5 00
E. H. Fletcher, railroad tickets,	7 63
A. W. Pressler, services as auditor,	20 00
E. A. Jones, services as auditor,	20 00
Boston & Maine mileage book,	20 00
Nichols & Wardwell, mileage book,	20 00
W. H. Philbrick, taking boy to reform school,	15 00
Putney & Watkins, teams,	8 00
Jerome E. Wright, salary as treasurer,	200 00
Boston & Maine mileage book,	20 00
R. H. Kittredge, mileage and expenses, postage, etc.,	34 50
Ellen A. Safford, expenses, car fare, taking Clagg to Concord,	23 17
E. H. Fletcher, car fare and expense moving, etc.,	20 34
J. H. Warner, record book,	8 75
L. W. Goss, expenses, etc.,	4 00
C. Hersey, salary and telephone,	158 90
A. M. Nims, taxes on Mitchell place,	8 78
Charles C. Buffum, typewriter,	102 50
C. D. Britton, teaming,	34 00
Town of Roxbury, one-half expense on branch road,	75 00
C. G. Crain, three-fourths expense on Surry road,	36 55

F. C. Faulkner, retainer fee,	\$10 00
Clough & Reed, plans, etc.,	67 70
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying,	43 62
H. K. Barnes, pipe supply,	8 85
City of Keene, water tax,	31 00
Charles H. Hersey, salary to Jan. 1,	150 00
Interest on money borrowed,	444 40
Fitchburg Railroad, freight bill,	112 68
L. Wellington, services as coroner,	12 50
Clark F. Rowell, services as coroner,	28 15
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	\$1,916 51

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Orders drawn on treasurer,	\$43,978 76
County farm receipts,	3,760 42
Miscellaneous receipts,	89 34
Wood delivered poor from jail shed,	57 50
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	\$47,886 02

EXPENDITURES.

County farm, current expenses,	\$10,272 82
Outside poor, aid rendered,	12,141 26
Dependent soldiers and families,	1,383 63
Court house, current expenses,	1,108 16
Jail and house of correction,	3,086 54
Sheriff and deputies' salaries, etc.,	849 05
N. H. Asylum and State Industrial School,	1,590 05
Printing and stationery,	314 42
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,916 51
Cash paid treasurer,	2,643 76
New insane building,	9,004 57
Water works,	3,575 25
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	\$47,886 02

COUNTY FARM INVOICE, DEC. 31, 1897.

Live stock,	\$1,831 50
Farm produce,	1,279 37
Provisions and supplies,	1,902 45
Clothing,	131 40
Household furniture,	1,674 79
Farming tools,	970 00
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	\$7,789 51
Inventory, Dec. 1, 1896,	7,216 02
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Increase,	\$573 49

COST OF SUPPORT OF INMATES AT COUNTY
ALMSHOUSE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

Inventory of personal property Dec. 31, 1896,	\$7,216 02
Ordinary current expenses, not includ- ing permanent improvements,	10,272 82
Interest on investment,	1,800 00
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	\$19,288 84
Inventory, Dec. 31, 1897,	\$7,789 51
County farm receipts,	3,770 50
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	\$11,560 01
Total cost,	<hr/>
	\$7,728 83
Average number of inmates,	72 $\frac{2}{3}$
Number of weeks board, paupers, pri- vate patients, convicts and em- ployees,	4,583
Average cost per week, \$1.68 $\frac{1}{2}$.	

SUMMARY EXHIBIT OF RELIEF EXPENSES.

County farm and almshouse expenditures, including improvements,	\$22,852 64
Less county farm receipts,	3,760 42
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	\$19,092 22
Support of outside poor,	12,141 26
Relief to dependent soldiers,	1,383 63
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	\$32,617 11

ESTIMATED CROPS RAISED AT CHESHIRE COUNTY FARM.

Hay, first crop,	tons,	8
Hay, second crop,	"	10
Corn fodder,	"	30
Oat straw,	"	2
Barley straw,	"	3
Rye straw,	"	2
Corn, shelled,	bushels,	700
Barley,	"	50
Rye,	"	25
Oats,	"	20
Beans,	"	15
Potatoes,	"	50
Sweet corn,	"	35
Peas in pod,	"	20
Beets,	"	180
Parsnips,	"	5
Turnips,	"	15
Onions,	"	10
Carrots,	"	12
Salsify,	"	6
Tomatoes,	"	25
Cucumbers,	"	20
Cabbage,	heads,	300
Lettuce,	"	250
Celery,	bunches,	200

Squash,	pounds,	800
Pumpkins,	"	700
Melons,	"	400
Lard,	"	300
Butter,	"	200
Pork,	"	2,075
Beef,	"	2,300
Pickles and canned fruit,	gallons,	100
Cider,	"	120
Apples,	barrels,	300

RECORD OF INMATES AT CHESHIRE COUNTY ALMSHOUSE FROM JAN. 1, 1897, TO JAN. 1, 1898.

CHESHIRE COUNTY REPORTS.

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NAME.	AGE.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	RECEIVED FROM	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	NATIONALITY.	DAYS BOARD	REMARKS.
MALES.							
Burpee, A. E.	60	Dec. 13, '75	Dublin		American	365	Insane.
Barrett, Eddie	34	Oct. 18, '88	Hinsdale		American	365	Supported by Hinsdale.
Briggs, Bradley	75	May 18, '88	Westmoreland		American	365	
Baldwin, Charles	74	Dec. 28, '95	Marlow		American	365	
Bates, Charles	17	Sept. 13, '95	Hinsdale	Mar. 20, '97	American	79	
Buxton, John	85	June 27, '96	Chesterfield	May 4, '97	American	124	Died; sup. by guardian.
Ballou, Charles F.		Sept. 3, '96	Keene	June 14, '97	American	165	Died.
Bosworth, Earl M.	Born.	Jan. 11, '97	Westmoreland	Feb. 20, '97	American	40	
Bryant, Ernest G.	7	Dec. 2, '97	Winchester		American	29	
Bryant, Anson S.	2	Dec. 2, '97	Winchester		American	29	
Bordwin, O. J.	73	Dec. 20, '97	Keene		American	11	
Burns, Charles	73	Dec. 27, '97	Keene		Irish	4	
Clune, Michael		July 18, '97	Keene	Aug. 2, '97	Irish	15	
Clark, Edgar	39	Nov. 5, '97	Keene	Dec. 28, '97	American	53	
Davis, E. A.	52	April 22, '91	Hinsdale		American	365	Insane; supported by [Hinsdale.
Davis Edwin	60	June 19, '97	Gilsum		American	208	
Doyle, S. J.	48	June 6, '95	Dublin		Irish	365	Insane.
Estey, James	74	Nov. 9, '92	Keene	April 4, '97	American	94	Died.
Enright, Baby	Born.	Oct. 5, '97	Westmoreland	Nov. 4, '97	American	30	
Field, Gilbert	74	Feb. 11, '95	Keene		American	365	
Fitzgerald, J. B.	41	Nov. 25, '96	Marlboro'	Feb. 17, '97	Irish	48	Died.
Grimes, Hosea	36	Jan. 10, '96	Westmoreland		American	355	
Hale, Shurburn	66	Nov. 21, '93	Rindge		American	365	
Hill, Fred E.	40	Jan. 14, '89	Westmoreland		American	365	
Hemphill, E. A.	22	Jan. 7, '97	Keene	July 10, '97	American	233	Insane; readmitted Nov. [13, '97.
Hinds, Charles J.	57	April 24, '97	Keene	Sept. 11, '97	American	140	
Harrison, John	48	Feb. 13, '97	Fitzwilliam	Mar. 8, '97	Swede	23	
Kingsley, George		Nov. 21, '93	Fitzwilliam		American	365	

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Kempton, Samuel	76	Oct. 31, '96	Richmond		American	365	
Lanigan, Mathew	22	Feb. 11, '91	Keene		Irish	365	Imbecile.
Leware, Nelson	Born.	Dec. 30, '95	Keene		French	365	
Larkin, A. A.		Dec. 10, '96	Westmoreland	Feb. 22, '97	Irish	53	
March, Luther C.	51	Nov. 12, '91	Westmoreland		American	365	
Mason, Lowell C.	45	Nov. 19, '94	Swansey		American	365	
May, Fred W.	20	Aug. 18, '96	Keene	Aug. 22, '97	American	234	Died.
Metcalf, George	68	Dec. 14, '96	Rindge		American	365	
Newton, M. F.	54	Dec. 25, '68	Alstead		American	365	Insane.
Pierce, Levi F.	63	May 21, '96	Westmoreland		American	365	Insane.
Pike, Willie	11	Oct. 30, '96	Walpole	June 22, '97	Russian	173	
Pike, Maurice	5	Oct. 30, '96	Walpole	June 22, '97	Russian	173	
Pike, Joel	3	Oct. 30, '96	Walpole	June 22, '97	Russian	173	
Putnam, Roscoe	38	Oct. 31, '96	Westmoreland	Jan. 15, '97	Russian	15	
Putnam, Forest	1	Dec. 31, '96	Westmoreland	Mar. 22, '97	American	81	
Perry, Geo. B.	72	April 8, '96	Keene	May 26, '97	American	146	
Park, C. H.	47	July 24, '97	Westmoreland	Sept. 24, '97	American	62	
Pasino, Israel	53	Nov. 11, '97	Fitzwilliam		French	50	
Pasino, Walter N.	11	Nov. 11, '97	Fitzwilliam		French	50	
Pasino, Fred J.	9	Nov. 11, '97	Fitzwilliam		French	50	
Pasino, Chas. A.	3	Nov. 11, '97	Fitzwilliam		French	50	
Ruffle, William	70	Sept. 27, '87	Keene		French	50	
Robbins, Sylvanus	80	Jan. 3, '93	Keene	Mar. 29, '97	American	365	Died.
Robbins, Frank	7	Jan. 3, '93	Keene	July 26, '97	American	88	Imbecile.
Reed, Arthur E.	8	Aug. 22, '95	Stoddard		American	207	
Reed, Guy E.	3	Nov. 24, '97	Stoddard		American	365	
Spring, Herbert	46	Feb. 13, '88	Keene		American	37	
Sawyer, D. W.	65	June 6, '95	Keene		American	365	Supported by guardian.
Stensfars, Chas.	34	Jan. 23, '97	Jaffrey	Feb. 4, '97	American	365	Insane.
Townes, Geo. H.	54	Sept. 26, '91	Winchester		Swede	12	
					American	365	Insane.

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Thompson, Allen	56	Dec. 7, '95	Alstead	Aug. 16, '97	American	246	Readmitted Nov. 12, '97.
Taft, Smith B.	38	Jan. 23, '97	Chesterfield		American	357	
Thornton, Michael	42	Feb. 5, '97	Keene	Mar. 8, '97	American	31	
Vetter Julius	65	Dec. 12, '96	Gilsum	July 25, '97	German	206	Died.
Venn, Ellery	28	June 6, '95	Troy		French	365	Insane.
Wellman, J. P.	76	July 6, '95	Jaffrey		American	265	Insane.
FEMALES.							
Aiken, Catherine C.	63	Aug. 24, '97	Keene	Sept. 20, '97	American	27	Insane.
Beale, Clara	48	Dec. 3, '90	Harrisville		American	365	Insane.
Blake, Ellen A.	58	May 14, '88	Keene		American	365	Insane; supported by
Birch, Josephene	18	Nov. 8, '97	Harrisville		American	53	
Bryant, Viola E.	5	Dec. 2, '97	Winchester		American	29	
Bordwin, Ada C.	40	Dec. 20, '97	Keene		American	11	
Callahan, Mary	47	Nov. 9, '85	Swanzy		Irish	365	Insane.
Cobb, Martha	73	Dec. 5, '88	Harrisville		American	365	Insane.
Cole, Clara S.	59	June 17, '96	Swanzy		American	365	
Doyle, Mary	66	Oct. 29, '90	Keene		Irish	365	Insane.
Dillon, Ellen	65	Dec. 3, '90	Keene		American	365	Insane.
Davis, Lizzie A.	48	June 10, '91	Hinsdale		American	121	
Davis, Annie	22	Nov. 30, '96	Keene	May 1, '97	American	365	Insane.
Deering, Louvie M.	31	July 6, '95	Keene		American	57	
Deering, Bessie J.	17	Nov. 4, '97	Chesterfield		American	319	
Ellis, Bertha M.	4	April 17, '94	Roxbury	Nov. 15, '97	French	67	
Enright, Lizzie B.	5	Oct. 25, '97	Troy	Nov. 4, '97	Irish	67	
Enright, Marian	3	Sept. 18, '97	Troy	Nov. 4, '97	Irish	67	
Enright, Kate E.	30	Sept. 18, '97	Troy	Nov. 4, '97	Irish	67	
Fisk, Deborah A.	56	Nov. 18, '67	Hinsdale		American	365	
Farrar, Lizzie	38	Aug. 13, '94	Marlboro'	Sept. 4, '94	American	247	
Grimes, Mary	31	July 6, '71	Marlow		American	365	Insane.
Hale, Grace	30	Aug. 3, '83	Swanzy		American	365	

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Holbrook, S. J.	50	April 27, '82	Fitzwilliam		American	365	Insane.
Hurley, Hannah		March 4, '95	Hinsdale		Irish	365	Insane.
Iradale, Alice	18	April 4, '95	Swanzy		American	365	Weak-minded.
Kennedy, Bridget	74	June 5, '94	Keene	June 19, '97	Irish	170	Insane.
Kidder, Harriet L.	76	May 21, '96	Keene		American	365	Insane.
Kingsley, Eltha	21	Nov. 9, '97	Fitzwilliam		American	53	Imbecile.
Kingsley, Mabel L.	14	Nov. 9, '97	Fitzwilliam		American	53	Weak-minded.
Keyes, Roseltha	62	Sept. 7, '97	Alstead		American	115	
Lee, Kate	44	Dec. 3, '90	Keene	Feb. 17, '97	Irish	365	Insane.
Larkin, Annie M.	25	July 29, '96	Keene			48	
Lanigan, May	14	July 10, '96	Keene	June 28, '97	Irish	174	
Morse, Hannah	70	May 4, '95	Dublin		American	179	Died; board paid.
Moore, Lottie	16	Nov. 25, '95	Winchester		American	365	
Pratt, Sarah H.	82	Mar. 26, '96	Troy		American	365	Insane.
Pike, Sarah	41	Oct. 30, '96	Walpole	Mar. 29, '97	Russian	88	Insane.
Pike, Annie	9	Oct. 30, '96	Walpole	June 22, '97	Russian	173	
Pike, Stella F.	Born.	Nov. 2, '96	Westmoreland	Mar. 29, '97	Russian	88	
Putnam, I. M.	37	Dec. 31, '96	Westmoreland	Mar. 22, '97	American	81	
Putnam, Pearl O.	8	Dec. 31, '96	Westmoreland	Mar. 22, '97	American	81	
Putnam, Millie P.	4	Dec. 31, '96	Westmoreland	Mar. 22, '97	American	81	
Pasino, Cora M.	36	Nov. 11, '97	Fitzwilliam	Mar. 22, '97	American	50	
Russell, Lucy P.	60	June 30, '78	Jaffrey		French	365	Insane.
Ringer, Mary	65	Feb. 16, '97	Westmoreland		French	322	
Robbins, Rosa	35	Jan. 3, '93	Keene	May 14, '97	American	131	
Reed, Clara E.	16	July 29, '96	Stoddard	April 15, '97	American	105	
Reed, Grace M.	10	Aug. 22, '95	Stoddard	Mar. 6, '97	American	65	
St. York, Flora	21	Sept. 13, '89	Keene		French	365	Weak-minded.
Smith, Susan E.	45	Oct. 13, '92	Keene		American	365	
Scott, Alice M.	44	Dec. 28, '95	Chesterfield		American	365	
Stearns, Emily A.	62	May 25, '97	Keene		American	220	Insane.

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Turner, Caroline	44	May 13, '94	Fitzwilliam		French	365	Insane.
Thomas, Clara A.	77	Jan. 20, '97	Chesterfield		American	354	
Whitcomb, Mary	53	Aug. 18, '75	Richmond		American	365	Imbecile.
Wyman, Maria	85	Jan. 13, '88	Troy	May 11, '97	American	131	Died.
White, Mary		Sept. 28, '96	Troy	Nov. 12, '97	American	316	Died.

INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE, JAN. 1, 1898.

MALES.

Burpee, A. E.
Barrett, Eddie.
Briggs, Bradley.
Baldwin, Charles.
Bryant, Ernest.
Bryant, Anson.
Bordwin, O. J.
Burns, Charles.
Davis, E. A.
Davis, Edwin.
Doyle, S. J.
Field, Gilbert.
Grimes, Hosea.
Hale, Shurburn.
Hill, Fred E.
Hemphill, E. A.
Kingsley, George.
Kempston, Samuel.
Lanigan, Mathew.
Leware, Nelson.
March, Luther.
Mason, Lowell C.
Metcalf, George.
Newton, M. F.
Pierce, Levi F.
Pasino, Israel.
Pasino, Walter N.
Pasino, Fred J.
Pasino, Charles A.
Ruffle, William.
Reed, Arthur.
Reed, Guy.
Spring, Herbert.
Sawyer, D. W.
Towns, George H.
Thompson, Allen.
Taft, Smith B.
Venn, Ellery.
Wellman, J. P.

FEMALES.

Beals, Clara.
Blake, Ellen A.
Birch, Josephine.
Bryant, Viola E.
Bordwin, Ada C.
Callahan, Mary.
Cobb, Martha.
Cole, Clara S.
Doyle, Mary.
Dillon, Ellen.
Davis, Lizzie A.
Deering, Louvie M.
Deming, Bessie J.
Fisk, Deborah A.
Grimes, Mary.
Hale, Grace.
Holbrook, Serepta J.
Hurley Hannah.
Iradale, Alice.
Kidder, Harriet L.
Kingsley, Eltha.
Kingsley, Mabel L.
Keyes, Roseltha.
Lee, Kate.
Lanigan, May.
Moore, Lottie.
Pratt, Sarah H.
Pasino, Cora M.
Russell, Lucy P.
Ringer, Mary.
St. York, Flora.
Smith, Susan E.
Scott, Alice M.
Stearns, Emily A.
Turner, Caroline.
Thomas, Clara A.
Whitcomb, Mary.

NUMBER OF INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Number of inmates at almshouse during the year, 122;
received from towns as follows:

Keene,	35	Harrisville,	3
Westmoreland,	*15	Marlboro',	3
Fitzwilliam,	11	Dublin,	3
Troy,	7	Jaffrey,	3
Hinsdale,	6	Alstead,	3
Chesterfield,	5	Marlow,	3
Winchester,	5	Gilsum,	2
Swanzey,	5	Richmond,	2
Walpole,	5	Rindge,	1
Stoddard,	4	Roxbury,	1

SUMMARY OF RECORDS.

At almshouse, Jan. 1, 1897,	86	
Admitted during the year,	36	
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Whole number from Jan. 1, '97, to Jan. 1, '98,		122
Discharged,	38	
Died,	10	
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		48
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		74
Readmitted,		2
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Remaining Jan. 1, 1898,		76
Convicts at house of correction Jan. 1, 1897,		4
Received during the year,		16
Discharged,		15
Remaining Jan. 1, 1898,		5

* Four were born at the farm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners and the Citizens of Cheshire County:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith submit my report for the year 1897, which has been a year of unusual activity here at the farm, owing to the erection of a building to be used for the accommodation of the insane, as the building erected for that purpose in 1890 has not proved ample enough for the constantly increasing numbers; and during the whole time that I have been superintendent here we have been compelled to use a part of the almshouse for accommodation of the insane; and this, as can readily be seen, is more or less annoying to the more sensitive of the old and nervous people that appreciate a clean, orderly and quiet home. We expect to occupy the new building some time in February. The building will contain thirty sleeping-rooms. The first and second floors are built on the same plan, and consist of a large and pleasant alcove, twelve sleeping-rooms, a water-closet, bath-room, a sink-room, pantry, and a store-room for clothing and bedding; also stairway and wide halls. The attic or third floor will be divided up so as to make four sleeping-rooms, to be used to keep some of the more noisy patients, and a large hall in which to hold entertainments. In the basement we have a large room used as a wash-room, a room used as a laundry, a large room in which to keep the general stores; also a large clothing-room, a shop and a dairy-room. There are two rooms fitted up for the more violent and filthy insane. These rooms are all light and dry.

In planning the building the matter of ventilation was kept well in mind; and owing to the position of the halls and the four vent shafts which run from the basement to the ventilators on the roof, it is expected to rid the building of much of the noisome vapors that are always found to a greater or less degree in all such buildings where this class of humanity is cared for, as the habits of some are far from neat. The food for the occupants of this building will all be prepared in the present culinary department. The services of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Darling, of Brattleboro, Vt., have been secured to take charge of the insane; and as they have had several years' experience among this class of people, having been employed at the Brattleboro Retreat for a term of years, we feel that they are well qualified for the position. The change will enable the county to keep a larger number of this unfortunate class of people at the farm in the future than in the past; and I feel confident that they will receive good care and humane treatment, and that the new move will be a great advantage to the county, financially.

The spring from which we have obtained our supply of water has seemed to fail gradually, until it has become insufficient for the needs here; and the last two years we have had to use the steam-pump during the greater part of the dry season and much of the time during the winter, and even without the addition of the new building it seemed that we must look for some new supply; and to secure this the commissioners have purchased a farm adjoining this of Mr. Willard Bill, from which we expect to receive a sufficient supply. There have been three hydrants placed conveniently about the grounds, and each of the floors in the new asylum and almshouse is supplied with fifty feet of hose attached to a stand-pipe running from the main line up through each floor, from which a good strong stream of water can be obtained in a very short time, as the pressure is always on the stand-pipes. It is to be hoped that we may never have occasion to use it against fire, but having it gives us a feeling

of security that otherwise we could not have; and should we be so unfortunate as to get a fire started here, it may be the means of saving many human lives, to say nothing about the protection afforded to the buildings and other property. It gives me pleasure to say that we have, as in years past, received a large amount of reading matter, and I hope all sending such may experience as much pleasure in giving as it gives us in receiving. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. did not forget to make their usual visit at Christmas time, and the inmates seem to have come to expect them, and gladly receive the announcement that they are coming; and it requires no effort to have them prepare to meet them in the chapel.

The erecting of the new buildings and putting in the new water works here at the farm must have added largely to the duties of the county commissioners; but they have looked after the interests of the inmates here with their usual zealous care, desiring that they should be, and seeing that they are, made comfortable. In closing, I wish to thank all of the officers now at the institution for their faithfulness in the discharge of the duties assigned to them.

Dr. J. A. Craig has been in charge as attending physician, giving the usual satisfaction. Rev. G. H. French has faithfully officiated as chaplain.

Taxpayers and others interested will please remember that we shall be only too glad to show them about the buildings any day during the week except Sunday.

Very respectfully submitted,

A. A. WHITMAN,
Superintendent.

P. O. address, Park Hill, N. H.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for Cheshire County:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith submit my annual report as physician for Cheshire county almshouse.

The inmates have enjoyed a continuance of general good health during the past year.

Many of the inmates are doubtless better cared for at this institution than they were in their own homes or in private families, judging from the condition that many of them are in when they come to the institution. Ten deaths have occurred during the past year.

The superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Whitman, and other employees of the institution, also the county commissioners, are entitled to much credit and thanks from all for their untiring efforts to promote the best interests of the institution, and are ever watchful for the welfare and comfort of the unfortunate inmates under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. CRAIG, M. D.

Westmoreland, January 1, 1898.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for Cheshire County:

GENTLEMEN.—Again I submit my report concerning the religious condition of the institution.

The plan of holding religious services in the chapel once in three weeks has been continued and carried out the past year. Mindful of the claims of those in this home for the best religious influences, we have sought to magnify this chapel service and to make it as helpful as possible, adapting it strictly to the needs and conditions of those there. There has been a ready and cheerful response in a good attendance and in a respectful and interested share in the services.

Frequent visits have been made at other times in calling upon the sick and promoting some festivities provided by the superintendent and other friends. The distribution of good reading—some of it kindly furnished by friends away—has been a feature of our work. It may generally be understood that a gift in this direction from anyone will be useful and welcome.

It is evident that those in charge of this institution are in fullest sympathy with all plans to promote the wellbeing of all in the home.

Respectfully,

G. H. FRENCH,
Chaplain.

SHERIFF'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners :

I herewith submit to you my annual report of the doings of myself and deputies for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

APRIL TERM SUPREME COURT.

To 13 days' attendance at court,	\$39 00
S. O. Gates, deputy sheriff, 13 days' attendance,	32 50
H. A. Perry, deputy sheriff, 10 days' attendance,	25 00
J. W. Buckminster, deputy sheriff, 5 days' attendance,	12 50
W. L. Rixford, deputy sheriff, 5 days' attendance,	12 50
W. H. Hill, 12 days' attendance, messenger,	18 00
S. G. Abbott, chaplain,	2 00
A. J. Larock, hacking prisoners,	4 35
A. G. Grimes, hacking prisoners,	4 25
H. H. Houghton, hacking prisoners,	25 00
Conveying Stephen Hurley to prison,	15 90
Conveying William Emerson to prison,	15 90
Conveying Jacob Granger to prison,	15 90
Conveying Charles Smith to prison,	15 90
Conveying Daniel Murphy to prison,	15 90
Conveying Thomas Mills to prison,	15 90
Conveying William Debell to prison,	15 90
Mrs. Makin, meals for jurors,	6 50
One-half year's salary,	150 00
	————— \$442 90

OCTOBER TERM, 1897.

To 12 days' attendance at court,	\$36 00
S. O. Gates, deputy sheriff, 12 days' attendance,	30 00
H. A. Perry, deputy sheriff, 11 days' attendance,	27 50
W. L. Rixford, deputy sheriff, 2 days' attendance,	5 00
W. H. Hill, messenger, 11 days' attendance,	16 50
S. G. Abbott, chaplain,	2 00
Conveying George Robbins to prison,	15 90
Conveying Arthur Derosa to prison,	15 90
Conveying Arthur Nash to industrial school,	18 00
Mrs. Makin, meals for jurors,	6 50
H. T. Houghton, hacking prisoners,	7 25
A. J. Larock, hacking prisoners,	1 50
One-half year's salary,	150 00

 \$331 15

 W. S. TUTTLE,
 Sheriff.

December 31, 1897.

JAILER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners :

The following is a correct list of the prisoners committed to my charge for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

Drunkenness,	49
Larceny,	2
Burglary,	4
Horse stealing,	2
Assault,	2
Cruelty to animals,	1
Keeping disorderly house,	1
Trespass,	1
On execution for costs,	1
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Whole number,	63

W. S. TUTTLE,
Jailer.

Keene, Jan. 1, 1898.

REPORT OF THE
MASTER OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION
AT WESTMORELAND.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN.—I hereby submit my report of the number of prisoners committed to the house of correction from Jan. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898.

Remaining Jan. 1, 1897,	4	
Number of commitments,	16	
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		20
Discharged,	15	
Remaining Jan. 1, 1898,	5	
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		20

Of the above, 12 were committed for drunkenness, 2 for indecent conduct, 1 for assault and 1 for theft.

A. A. WHITMAN,
Master.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY SOLICITOR.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners :

I have the honor to herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1897.

At the April term of that year, Stephen Hurley, William Emerson and Jacob Granger were indicted for burglary. They pleaded guilty, and Hurley and Granger were sentenced to two years in the state prison and Emerson for one year. Charles Smith and Daniel Murphy, indicted also for burglary, were each sentenced to three years in the state prison. Thomas Miller, indicted for horse stealing, received a sentence of two years in prison. Charles Elgar was indicted for rape, and on trial was found not guilty by the jury. In the case of Elijah Low and William Debell, charged with burglary, the indictment against Low was *nol prossed* for lack of evidence, and Debell was sentenced to three years in state prison. John P. Upton and Alice Howe, indicted for adultery, plead guilty, and Upton was sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 and costs, and Alice Howe a fine of \$100 and costs.

At the October term Frank Robbins was sentenced to three years in prison for burglary; Arthur Derosa, also indicted for burglary, was sentenced to state prison for a year and a day, and William Gero was sentenced to a year in the house of correction at the jail for burglary, but the mittimus for his commitment was not to issue until called for by the solicitor.

I have prosecuted a number of persons for violation of the liquor law, both in the supreme court and the police

court of Keene; and in the latter court have made several prosecutions for petty offenses.

I have had no money of the county in my hands.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HERSEY,
Solicitor.

REPORT OF CLERK OF COURT.

The clerk of the supreme court makes the following report for the year ending December 31, 1897.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

APRIL TERM, 1897.

County of Cheshire to L. W. Holmes, Dr.

To dockets, December law term,	\$4 00
continued dockets,	42 00
blanks,	1 75
stationery and stamps,	18 36
warrants of commitment in state cases,	7 00
recording judgments and certifying same,	41 29
attendance at court, 11 days at \$3.00 per day,	33 00
copy of order for discharge of a prisoner,	1 00
amount allowed by rule of court,	425 00
	<hr/> \$573 40

Cr.

By fines received,	\$350 00
102 entries, 22 equity, 3 sessions, 1 state, 71 civil, at \$0.90,	91 80
10 dockets sold at \$1.50,	15 00
	<hr/> \$456 80
	<hr/> \$116 60

OCTOBER TERM, 1897.

County of Cheshire to L. W. Holmes, Dr.

To dockets, June law term,	\$4 00
continued dockets,	42 00
stamps and stationery,	35 19
blanks,	24 75
recording judgments and certifying	
same,	32 21
11 days' attendance at court at \$3.00	
per day,	33 00
warrants of commitment,	2 00
amount allowed by rule of court,	425 00
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	\$598.15

Cr.

By 117 entries, 25 equity, 2 state, 1 ses-	
sions, 89 civil, at \$0.90,	\$105 30
11 dockets sold, at \$1.50,	16 50
finer received,	70 00
1 jury fee,	5 00
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	\$196 80
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	\$401 35

L. W. HOLMES,
Clerk of Supreme Court.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE.

FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 1897.

Balance in treasury,	\$10,180 55
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CASH RECEIVED.

Town of Swanzey, aid to paupers,	\$164 00
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	11 07
Henry D. Pierce, guardian, board, John Buxton,	52 57
Frank C. Pike, peddler's license,	25 00
H. C. Tenney, liquor fines,	31 00
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	22 14
James T. Burnap, fines, etc.,	163 09
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	10 00
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	11 05
L. W. Holmes, liquor fines,	150 00
Warren H. Butler, board of Sarah H. Pratt,	36 00
Dr. Gleason, board of Mrs. White,	65 71
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on note, 5,000	00
Town of Swanzey, board of Grace Hale and Alice Iredale,	168 50
Henry D. Pierce, guardian, board, John Buxton,	52 93
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on note, 1,000	00
Town of Lyndeboro, board, Arthur T. Fish,	7 99
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	10 71
F. A. Holman, guardian, board, Clara A. Thomas,	20 00

Town of Hinsdale, board, Eddie Barrett and E. A. Davis,	205 40
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on note,	1,000 00
Warren H. Butler, guardian, board, Sa- rah Pratt,	36 00
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on note,	1,000 00
Henry D. Pierce, board, John Buxton,	19 42
Herbert G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	11 07
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	\$19,454 20

EXPENDITURES.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS.

J. R. Beal & Co., clothing for farm,	\$30 75
W. H. Spalter, stationery, etc.,	9 47
Globe Co., furniture for Holmes,	8 32
Abbott Grocery Co., flour for farm,	47 00
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries for farm,	71 48
Charles H. Hersey, salary and expenses to Jan. 1, '97,	165 49
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone services,	30 65
G. G. Davis, board, Marshall Keyes,	34 61
Keene Gas Light Co., gas and repairs,	35 42
John T. Abbott, counsel for Ray Hill,	5 00
J. Cushing & Co., flour for jail,	36 40
Victoria Perry, cleaning court house,	3 07
State Industrial School, board of inmates,	58 50
N. H. Orphans' Home,	56 00
Nims, Whitney & Co., repairs at court house,	2 41
E. H. Fletcher, car fare, lodging, etc.,	7 63
Earl Warren, goods for farm,	259 26
A. W. Pressler, auditing accounts,	20 00
E. A. Jones, auditing accounts,	20 00
L. E. Joslin, removing ashes, etc.,	1 25
J. W. Lord, groceries for farm,	109 07
J. R. Burt, meat for farm,	65 99

C. M. White, labor, lumber, etc.,	\$126 99
W. H. Butler, guardian, board, Edward Moulton,	11 35
Chase & Richards, clothing for farm,	24 13
Davis, Wright & Co., goods for farm,	40 02
Abbott Grocery Co., flour for farm,	235 00
Goodnow & Co., clothing for farm,	13 12
Henry Purcell, labor and stock,	63 90
M. V. B. Clark, groceries for jail,	69 41
L. Ward Holmes, furniture for office,	148 00
Daniel R. Cole, B. & M. mileage book,	20 00
C. P. Bugbee, services at farm,	2 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing reports, etc.,	198 75
Nichols & Wardwell, F. R. R. mileage book,	20 00
G. L. Hitchcock, drugs, etc.,	7 15
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	9 80
Spencer & Co., hardware, etc.,	89 23
Eames & Towne, grain for farm,	22 94
Holbrook Grocery Co., codfish for jail,	4 50
W. H. Philbrick, taking Johnson to industrial school,	15 00
Pearson Bros. & Co., labor and material at court house,	18 60
Charles C. Buffum, copying index,	144 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	6 84
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service,	28 00
Geo. M. Rossman, labor, material, etc.,	53 02
David Russell, sleigh,	35 00
L. W. Britton, labor at farm,	90 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, mileage book,	20 00
Keene Furniture Co., walnut case for probate office,	55 00
Abbott Grocery Co., syrup for farm,	10 60
S. D. Bill, cleaning sidewalk, court house,	9 50
Dr. W. R. Dunham, medical services,	5 00
Charles C. Buffum, stationery, labor, etc.,	4 69

James H. Scott, clothing for Grace Reed,	\$20 00
Putney & Watkins, horse hire,	8 00
W. S. Tuttle, cots for jail,	40 50
Warren H. Butler, taking patients to asylum,	20 00
Frank E. Washburn, fresh fish for farm,	17 31
N. H. Asylum, board of inmates,	487 35
Town of Lebanon, aid to paupers,	3 75
Dr. G. C. Hill, medical services,	38 25
G. G. Davis, board, Marshall Keyes,	36 72
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone services,	16 10
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	13 40
L. W. Wilder, wood delivered at jail,	447 00
Town of Alstead, aid to paupers,	66 37
Town of Alstead, aid to dependent sol- diers,	24 00
Town of Dublin, aid to paupers,	72 00
Jerome E. Wright, salary as treasurer to April 1, '97,	200 00
Town of Fitzwilliam, aid to paupers,	242 84
Town of Roxbury, aid to paupers,	58 32
Town of Gilsum, aid to dependent soldiers,	33 35
Town of Gilsum, aid to paupers,	15 29
N. H. Orphans' Home, board of inmates,	36 00
State Industrial School, board of inmates,	58 50
Town of Richmond, aid to paupers,	143 31
Town of Surry, aid to paupers,	2 50
Town of Nelson, aid to paupers,	24 00
Town of Marlow, aid to paupers,	154 80
Town of Marlow, aid to dependent sol- diers,	75 04
Town of Westmoreland, aid to paupers,	18 11
Town of Rindge, aid to paupers,	160 15
Town of Rindge, aid to dependent sol- diers,	4 00
Town of Swanzey, aid to paupers,	182 87
Town of Swanzey, aid to dependent soldiers,	9 00

Town of Marlboro', aid to paupers,	\$492 04
Town of Stoddard, aid to dependent soldiers,	5 00
Town of Stoddard, aid to paupers,	127 14
Town of Walpole, aid to paupers,	231 96
Earl Warren, goods for farm,	168 88
Wm. M. Clapp, labor and material at court house,	30 91
Town of Hinsdale, aid to paupers,	769 66
Town of Hinsdale, aid to dependent soldiers,	24 00
James W. Lord, goods for farm,	171 84
D. R. & F. A. Cole, grain for farm,	33 20
C. H. Bridgman, goods for farm,	62 57
Town of Jaffrey, aid to dependent soldiers,	19 78
Town of Jaffrey, aid to paupers,	345 48
L. W. Holmes, furniture, freight, etc.,	26 63
Town of Chesterfield, aid to dependent soldiers,	4 50
Town of Chesterfield, aid to paupers,	36 00
Town of Troy, aid to paupers,	321 39
Town of Troy, aid to dependent soldiers,	128 82
Town of Winchester, aid to paupers,	577 34
Town of Winchester, aid to dependent soldiers,	129 04
Russell H. Kittredge, mileage book and postage stamps,	34 50
W. H. Spalter, stationery, etc.,	9 49
E. A. Safford, taking Wm. Cleggs to asylum,	22 17
F. H. Wright & Co., shoes, rubbers, etc.,	29 32
A. A. Whitman, salary and expenses to April 1, '97,	1,011 26
Dr. J. A. Craig, medical services at farm,	78 25
City of Keene, aid to dependent soldiers,	154 78
City of Keene, aid to paupers,	2,157 23
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery, etc.,	16 60

Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	\$9 44
Wm. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses at jail,	724 57
Wm. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses, sheriff and deputies,	442 90
Woodbury & Howard, furniture for farm,	25 50
Bullard & Shedd, drugs and medicine,	21 92
Abbott Grocery Co., sugar for farm,	13 07
J. Cushing & Co., straw, flour, etc., for jail and farm,	24 60
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service,	13 70
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	5 32
Charles C. Buffum, cash paid for cleaning court house,	8 55
Dr. G. C. Hill, extra medical services,	20 00
E. H. Fletcher, cash paid out as per bill,	20 34
A. R. Mason, 5 copies city directory,	7 50
S. B. Bill, labor at court house,	2 75
H. W. Hubbard, labor and material,	9 40
Willard Bill or Kittredge, the Smith farm,	850 00
J. H. Warner, treasurer's record book,	8 75
L. W. Goss, mileage and expenses at Holyoke,	4 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	2 85
Geo. M. Rossman, mantles for jail,	1 00
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service,	13 55
D. R. & F. A. Cole, grain for farm,	21 30
Warren W. Shelley, taxes in Westmoreland,	163 64
Eames & Towne, grain for farm,	45 06
Charles C. Buffum, care and repairs of court house,	129 80
C. F. Rowell, coroner, inquest at Walpole,	28 15
A. A. Whitman, salary and help, 3 months' pay,	489 86
L. Pike, support of L. Pike and family,	56 00

SUPREME COURT ORDERS.

L. W. Holmes, account allowed by court,	\$385 00
L. W. Holmes, account allowed by court,	116 60

E. M. Smith, referee, Merrill vs. Bill,	\$9 96
Hiram Blake, referee, Johnson vs. Woodward,	17 00
Josiah G. Bellows, referee, Field vs. Jordan & a.,	15 00
Leonard Wellington, referee, Parker vs. Chickering, apt.,	12 00
Daniel R. Cole, services and expenses as county commissioner to April 6, '97,	218 00
Warren H. Butler, services and expenses as county commissioner to April 6, '97,	278 25
Russell H. Kittredge, services and expenses as county commissioner to April 6, '97,	189 35

JURY PAY ROLLS.

Grand jurors, No. 1,	\$168 96
Petit jurors, No. 1,	564 80

WITNESS AND TERM FEES.

October term, 1894, state vs. Joseph Drake,	\$2 62
April term, 1896, state vs. Earl Evans,	2 21
“ state vs. J. E. Powers,	1 50
“ state vs. Calvin H. Richards,	1 50
October term, 1896, state vs. John Cooney,	47 61
“ state vs. Cyrus Barbour,	4 18
“ state vs. Geo. B. Greeley,	7 42
“ state vs. Josiah Stebbins,	47 52
April term, 1897, state vs. Charles Pelkey,	14 34
“ state vs. Charles Blake,	13 18
“ state vs. Charles Blake,	14 18
“ state vs. Dennis J. Foley,	7 30
“ state vs. Dennis J. Foley,	11 62
“ state vs. John Starkey,	7 90
“ state vs. John Starkey,	7 90
“ state vs. Nathan M. Worden,	5 68
“ state vs. Nathan M. Worden,	18 06
“ state vs. Elisha A. Worden,	4 62

April term, 1897, state vs. Elisha A.

Worden,	\$5 68
" state vs. Annie Pelkey,	12 98
" state vs. Annie Pelkey,	13 98
" state vs. Elijah Low and William	
Debell, part,	15 98
" state vs. John Kennedy,	4 56
" state vs. Peter Rivett,	4 48
" state vs. Clark L. Darby and	
C. H. Clough, part,	10 28
" state vs. Thomas Miller,	14 21
" state vs. James Keerer,	11 62
" state vs. Nathaniel A. Wheeler,	15 14
" state vs. Charles Haskell,	15 30
" state vs. Charles Hebert,	8 86
" state vs. Herbert B. Chapin,	10 18
" state vs. John M. Barry,	11 62
" state vs. John Hovey,	5 76
" state vs. Mary Exnor,	9 82
" state vs. C. Y. Clowater,	17 82
" state vs. Daniel Riley,	9 94
" state vs. Patrick Killeen,	9 94
" state vs. Michael Murphy,	15 14
" state vs. Stephen Pickett,	9 82
" state vs. David and Frank	
Whittemore,	12 10
" state vs. Frank O. Dodge,	16 22
" state vs. John Hannon,	11 62
" state vs. George A. Petts,	17 58
" state vs. Peter Balie,	13 18
" state vs. Frank W. Nims,	7 30
" state vs. Cyrus Eaton,	16 74
" state vs. P. W. Handy,	11 02
" state vs. Geo. E. Richards,	11 02
" state vs. Martin Maloney,	9 82
" state vs. Andrew J. Brown,	11 26
" state vs. Andrew J. Brown,	44 01
" state vs. George H. Hart,	10 35

April term, 1897, state vs. John Connell,	\$14 90
“ state vs. Samuel Bennett,	14 18
“ state vs. John P. Cray,	15 14
“ state vs. William A. Squire,	13 34
“ state vs. Harry A. Clark,	15 50
“ state vs. Moses Manhassault,	14 90
“ state vs. Thomas Raleigh,	14 90
“ state vs. Margaret Sullivan,	13 70
“ state vs. Louis A. Butler,	14 90
“ state vs. John Mackey,	18 82
“ state vs. S. Hurley, Wm. Emerson and J. Granger,	16 20
“ state vs. Alfred Fagnon,	25 62
“ state vs. Robert Goodrich,	16 62
“ state vs. Charles Smith and Daniel Murphy,	26 18
“ state vs. Charles Elger,	20 17
Balance, cash on hand,	788 10
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	\$19,454 20

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in treasury, January 1, 1897,	\$10,180 55
Cash borrowed,	8,000 00
Receipts from all other sources,	1,273 65
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	\$19,454 20
Commissioners' orders,	\$15,791 44
Supreme court orders,	1,241 16
Witness and term fees,	899 74
Jury pay rolls,	733 76
Cash in treasury, July 1, 1897,	788 10
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	\$19,454 20

STATEMENT OF COUNTY DEBT.

Notes outstanding, Ashuelot National	
Bank,	\$8,000 00
Less cash in treasury,	788 10
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Indebtedness of the county,	\$7,211 90
Respectfully submitted,	
	JEROME E. WRIGHT,
	County Treasurer.
Keene, N. H., July 1, 1897.	

CHESHIRE SS.

KEENE, N. H., July 1, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Jerome E. Wright, county treasurer, for the term commencing January 1, 1897, and ending June 30, 1897, and the orders, notes and payments received therein; we find them properly cast and legally vouched for, and a balance in treasury of seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ten cents.

FRANCIS C. FAULKNER,
HERBERT B. VIAL,

Auditors.

WARREN H. BUTLER,
DANIEL R. COLE,
RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,
Cheshire County Commissioners.

FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,	\$788 10
Warren H. Butler, guardian, board,	
Grace Hale,	41 78
Adelia C. Hastings, cash on note,	1,000 00
H. G. Porter, board, Hannah Morse,	10 00
City of Keene, board of city paupers,	351 13
F. L. Pitcher, cash on note,	1,000 00
Monadnock Savings Bank, cash on note,	3,000 00
Monadnock Savings Bank, cash on note,	2,000 00
John W. Sawyer, cash on note,	500
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on 4 notes,	
\$1,000 each,	4,000 00
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on 4 notes,	
\$500 each,	2,000 00
N. H. Orphans' Home, error,	3 00
Mary Parks, board, Charles Parks,	9 30
W. H. Butler, guardian, board, Sarah	
Pratt,	36 00
Ned Pierce, board of workmen,	20 00
Enoch Aiken, board, Mrs. Aiken,	10 00
Arthur W. Hunnewell, board of brick-	
masons,	221 50
J. Fred Whitcomb, guardian, board,	
Herbert Spring,	37 53
Frank Holman, guardian, board, Mrs.	
Thomas,	52 00
Town of Hinsdale, board, town paupers,	210 40
Charles L. Puffer, for mixed feed,	28 02
L. W. Goss, board, etc., for self and men	
at farm,	302 00
W. J. King, justice, liquor fines,	50 00
A. R. Gleason, guardian, board, Mrs.	
White,	74 00
H. C. Tenney, justice, half beer fines,	5 00
Warren H. Butler, mixed feed,	51 52

City of Concord, N. H., account Josiah Littlefield,	\$81 35
City of Keene, aid to city paupers,	166 67
Warren H. Butler, guardian, board, Sarah Pratt,	36 00
W. J. King, justice, liquor fines,	10 00
Town of Alstead, tax, 1897,	1,009 95
Town of Chesterfield, tax, 1897,	1,165 32
Town of Dublin, tax, 1897,	977 24
Town of Fitzwilliam, tax, 1897,	1,030 39
Town of Gilsum, tax, 1897,	662 39
Town of Harrisville, tax, 1897,	674 66
Town of Hinsdale, tax, 1897,	1,799 10
Town of Jaffrey, tax, 1897,	1,803 19
City of Keene, tax, 1897,	13,611 75
Town of Marlboro', tax, 1897,	1,492 43
Town of Marlow, tax, 1897,	825 95
Town of Nelson, tax, 1897,	286 22
Town of Richmond, tax, 1897,	425 25
Town of Rindge, tax, 1897,	1,103 99
Town of Roxbury, tax, 1897,	147 20
Town of Stoddard, tax, 1897,	396 62
Town of Sullivan, tax, 1897,	302 58
Town of Surry, tax, 1897,	339 38
Town of Swanzey, tax, 1897,	1,619 18
Town of Troy, tax, 1897,	936 35
Town of Walpole, tax, 1897,	2,764 06
Town of Westmoreland, tax, 1897,	1,087 63
Town of Winchester, tax, 1897,	2,539 17

EXPENDITURES.

Holbrook Grocery Co., sugar for farm,	\$48 37
A. B. Skinner & Co., goods for farm and jail,	12 55
W. H. Spalter, stationery, etc.,	16 85
A. B. Skinner Estate, dry goods for farm and P. office,	70

Abbott Grocery Co., flour, etc.,	\$155 58
George M. Rossman, gas and labor,	3 86
Charles H. Hersey, salary and telephone service,	158 90
Earl Warren, groceries for farm,	116 78
Keene Water Department, labor on water and sewer,	3 00
T. N. Hastings, aid to Robinson family,	30 00
L. Wellington, services as deputy coroner,	4 50
Dr. G. C. Hill, medical services to July 1, '97,	41 25
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes and water rates,	34 78
N. H. Asylum, board, Edw. W. Moulton,	40 49
F. E. Washburn, fish for farm,	12 65
J. Cushing & Co., flour for jail,	23 95
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone services,	14 95
W. H. Kinery, moving goods and freight bill,	15 84
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing for farm,	37 95
L. W. Wilder, wood delivered at jail,	79 77
G. W. Bent & Co., beds, mattresses, etc.,	100 45
A. W. Hunnewell, labor and materials,	239 65
State Industrial School, board and care,	62 14
N. H. Orphans' Home,	27 00
Geo. W. Ball's Sons, brick for foundation at farm,	92 40
A. W. Hunnewell, labor on contract,	250 00
Fitchburg Railroad Co., freight,	167 73
Charles C. Buffum, typewriter,	102 50
C. H. Bridgman, goods for farm and court house,	63 78
C. L. Mansfield, phosphate,	28 00
Stella E. Smart, labor at farm,	22 32
Mary L. Eastman, labor at farm,	25 71
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone rent,	16 75
L. W. Goss, lumber for new building at farm,	400 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas bill,	2 85

Wm. S. Tuttle, goods for jail,	\$158 22
James W. Lord, goods for farm,	175 11
Geo. G. Davis, board, Marshall S. Keyes,	34 79
Geo. M. Rossman, labor, team at farm,	17 56
E. Gustine & Son, labor on contract,	1,500 00
Geo. W. Ball's Sons, brick at county farm,	369 28
Daniel H. Reed, granite for building at farm,	467 50
A. W. Hunnewell, work and stock on building,	500 00
L. W. Goss, on contract for new building,	500 00
E. Gustine & Son, contract on water works,	500 00
Charles J. Leach, fish for farm,	19 68
E. Gustine & Son, contract on water works,	500 00
John R. Burt, meat bill,	91 27
F. H. Wright, boots, shoes, etc., for farm,	14 15
John Woods, labor at farm,	16 50
N. F. Darling, labor at farm,	21 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas bill,	3 23
Davis & Wright, labor and material,	10 85
A. W. Hunnewell, labor and material,	300 00
L. W. Goss, work and stock on building,	500 00
E. J. McAlpin, painting roof at jail,	68 50
Charles C. Buffum, cleaning court house,	7 82
L. W. Goss, lumber on contract,	196 00
Webster L. Brown, board, Emily C. Stearns,	13 50
Geo. E. Holbrook, groceries for farm,	54 15
John T. Abbott, counsel for Nash boy,	5 00
Geo. W. Ball's Sons, brick at farm,	221 96
L. W. Goss, work and stock on building at farm,	500 00
G. C. Hill, medical services for 3 months,	40 00
N. H. Asylum, board and care,	872 99
C. S. Fisher, tables, coffin, boxes, etc.,	28 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas bill,	3 99

L. W. Goss, account on contract,	\$500 00
A. W. Hunnewell, work and stock on building at farm,	250 00
N. H. Orphans' Home, board and care,	24 00
State Industrial School, board and care,	50 57
Ned Pierce, slating D. windows,	117 97
Earl Warren, groceries for farm,	178 62
John R. Burt, meat for farm,	146 06
C. J. Leach, fish for farm,	17 16
Henry K. Barns, hose pipe, hose cart, etc.,	181 35
Arthur Hunnewell, on account contract,	50 00
Abbott Grocery Co., flour, molasses, etc.,	316 32
Town of Alstead, aid to paupers,	120 31
Town of Alstead, aid to dependent sol- diers,	28 00
Town of Gilsum, aid to dependent sol- diers,	38 62
Town of Gilsum, aid to paupers,	20 20
Town of Dublin, aid to paupers,	68 00
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	1,348 40
C. D. Britton, labor at farm,	34 00
Frank L. Jarvis, blacksmithing,	23 63
Town of Chesterfield, aid to paupers,	72 00
Town of Chesterfield, aid to dependent soldiers,	2 90
Town of Fitzwilliam, aid to county paupers,	83 45
Arthur W. Hunnewell, balance on contract,	608 76
Arthur W. Hunnewell, extra labor and material,	153 99
Town of Harrisville, aid to dependent soldiers,	28 04
Town of Harrisville, aid to county paupers,	25 67
Town of Hinsdale, aid to dependent soldiers,	23 83
Town of Hinsdale, aid to county paupers,	410 11

Town of Marlow, aid to dependent soldiers,	\$62 24
Town of Marlow, aid to county paupers,	256 41
Town of Nelson, aid to county paupers,	28 00
Town of Surry, aid to county paupers,	47 56
Town of Marlboro', aid to county paupers,	178 78
Town of Marlboro', aid to dependent soldiers,	21 48
Town of Richmond, aid to county paupers,	227 36
Town of Roxbury, aid to dependent soldiers,	7 89
Town of Roxbury, aid to county paupers,	2 50
Town of Roxbury, half expense repairs on branch road,	75 00
Town of Jaffrey, aid to dependent soldiers,	17 88
Town of Jaffrey, aid to county paupers,	47 00
Town of Walpole, aid to county paupers,	265 03
Town of Westmoreland, aid to dependent soldiers,	45 00
J. E. Hartwell, grinding grain,	11 86
Town of Troy, aid to county paupers,	273 19
Town of Troy, aid to dependent soldiers,	84 07
James W. Lord, groceries for farm,	191 16
Town of Stoddard, aid to county paupers,	113 25
Town of Rindge, aid to dependent soldiers,	29 58
Town of Rindge, aid to county paupers,	129 60
Town of Winchester, aid to county paupers,	746 59
Town of Winchester, aid to dependent soldiers,	228 39
Town of Swanzey, aid to dependent soldiers,	43 40
Town of Swanzey, aid to county paupers,	166 47
Dr. J. A. Craig, medical services at farm,	85 55
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone rent,	30 65
C. G. Crain, labor on Surry road,	36 55
H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing bill,	11 80
A. B. Skinner Co., goods for farm,	8 43

Elastic Coating Co., painting fence at jail,	\$15 00
City of Keene, aid to county paupers,	1,910 39
City of Keene, aid to dependent soldiers,	111 00
E. H. Fletcher, rent of pasture and ticket to Boston,	87 41
Horace Bridge, support of Colman child,	10 00
Goodnow & Whitcomb, bedsteads, mat- tresses, etc.,	57 00
Bullard & Shedd, drugs, supplies, etc.,	31 00
Sarah M. Allen, cleaning court house,	1 50
L. W. Goss, on contract at farm,	500 00
A. A. Whitman, salary at county farm,	536 13
A. G. Henshaw, cleaning lawn, etc.,	19 05
Wm. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses as sheriff, and deputies,	331 15
F. H. Wright, boots and shoes for farm,	17 13
Henry D. Pierce, phosphate for farm,	30 00
A. C. Cobb, teaming at farm,	40 05
Warren B. Fitch, carting wood,	75
F. C. Faulkner, counsel, State vs. Howard,	5 00
Wm. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses at jail,	619 83
Ellen Carroll, cleaning court house,	8 75
Simpson, Handee & Co., mixed feed for farm,	265 50
Keene Gas Light Co., gas bill,	7 41
Spencer & Co., hardware for farm,	141 58
E. J. Goodnow, sawing and planing boards, etc.,	31 68
C. B. Perry, insurance on county buildings,	37 20
Willard Bill, lumber, butter, etc.,	17 34
Clough & Reed, plans and specifications,	67 70
L. W. Goss, on contract at farm,	1,000 00
F. C. Faulkner, retainer fee,	10 00
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone rent,	14 45
J. Cushing, flour for jail,	24 00
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying, plans, etc.,	43 62
L. W. Goss, balance on contract,	1,432 07
Vermont Farm Machinery Co., cream separator,	127 50

James F. Townsend, blankets for farm,	\$35 00
E. H. Fletcher, railroad fares to Boston,	4 82
Sullivan County, aid to Cheshire County paupers,	8 88
G. H. Aldrich & Sons, insurance,	78 75
C. H. Bridgman, groceries for farm,	63 37
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service,	14 55
G. C. Hill, medical services,	46 25
George Woodman Co., water works sup- plies,	43 90
Henry K. Barnes, discharge pipes, etc.,	8 85
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., peaches for farm,	2 25
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing, etc.,	3 50
A. A. Whitman, superintendent, salary and expenses at farm,	490 33
A. M. Nims, water rates and sprinkling,	31 00
C. B. Perry, insurance,	37 50
J. E. Wright, treasurer, interest on county notes to Jan. 1, '98,	444 40
Wm. S. Tuttle, salary and expenses at jail,	422 79
D. R. & F. A. Cole, gluten,	10 80
Charles H. Hersey, 6 months' salary, county solicitor, to Jan. 1, '98,	150 00
Holbrook Grocery Company, sugar, oil, etc., for farm,	21 07

SUPREME COURT ORDERS.

Russell H. Kittredge, services and ex- penses as county commissioner to July 3, '97,	\$114 66
Warren H. Butler, services and expenses as county commissioner to July 3, '97,	143 15
Daniel R. Cole, services and expenses as county commissioner to July 3, '97,	108 75
D. H. Woodward, referee in Wright vs. Hart,	10 00
L. W. Holmes, account allowed by court,	401 35

H. W. Parker, referee in Tully vs. Tully and Tully vs. Richardson,	\$13 68
A. T. Batchelder, referee in Very et al. vs. Robbins et al.,	10 00
John T. Abbott, referee in Colony vs. Fisher and Venable vs. Gowing,	15 00
E. M. Smith, referee in Wheeler vs. Phillips,	13 00
H. W. Brigham, referee in Davis vs. Drury,	18 40

JURY PAY ROLLS.

Grand jurors, No. 1,	\$142 16
Petit jurors, No. 1,	517 12

WITNESS AND TERM FEES.

April term, 1897, state vs. Elijah Low and W. Debell, in part,	\$35 24
“ state vs. Thomas Miller, part,	3 51
“ state vs. Michael Murphy, full,	6 85
“ state vs. Stephen Hurley and Wm. Emerson, part,	10 16
October term, state vs. Francis P. Duffy,	4 62
“ state vs. Francis P. Duffy,	4 62
“ state vs. Herbert O. Hall, part,	7 41
“ state vs. Andrew J. Brown,	4 13
“ state vs. John M. Barry,	4 62
“ state vs. Alfred W. Vaughn et al.,	10 67
“ state vs. Alfred W. Vaughn et al.,	4 62
“ state vs. Lester W. Howard,	4 99
“ state vs. Hedwig Aho,	5 87
“ state vs. Charles A. Pelkey,	6 58
“ state vs. Charles H. Pond,	26 47
“ state vs. Frank O. Scott,	17 58
“ state vs. Frank O. Scott,	9 95
“ state vs. Bartholomew Supple,	7 26
“ state vs. Bartholomew Supple,	15 26
“ state vs. Martin Maloney,	3 00
“ state vs. Martin Maloney,	3 00
“ state vs. Wallace K. Ware,	3 00
“ state vs. Wallace K. Ware,	3 00

October term, state vs. Wallace K. Ware,	\$3 00
“ state vs. Wallace K. Ware,	3 00
“ state vs. Gregoire Bolio,	6 90
“ state vs. Gregoire Bolio,	9 83
“ state vs. Will Wood,	9 54
“ state vs. Frank Robbins,	13 29
“ state vs. Arthur Derosa,	7 67
“ state vs. William Gero,	11 60
“ state vs. Andrew Lanigan,	9 61
“ state vs. William A. Squires,	5 22
“ state vs. John Hannon,	4 62
“ state vs. John Hannon,	14 30
“ state vs. James C. Dillon,	5 68
“ state vs. Patrick Killeen,	5 68
“ state vs. Daniel W. Riley,	5 68
“ state vs. Stephen Pickett,	9 94
“ state vs. Thomas Lynch,	9 94
“ state vs. Michael Murphy,	7 26
“ state vs. Dennis W. Brennan,	3 00
“ state vs. John O'Brien,	4 62
“ state vs. John O'Brien,	4 62
“ state vs. John O'Brien,	12 62
“ state vs. Sharpe Foster,	6 00
“ state vs. Frederick A. Ellis,	8 10
“ state vs. John Lahiff,	13 74
“ state vs. Arthur E. Nash,	5 12
“ state vs. Charles Beem, Jr.,	12 75
“ state vs. Charles Beem, Jr.,	17 10
“ state vs. Charles Beem, Jr.,	8 10
“ state vs. John E. Pelkey,	13 86
“ state vs. John E. Pelkey,	4 62
“ state vs. Orlen H. Ellis,	17 10
“ state vs. John Pelkey,	5 46
“ state vs. Orlen H. Ellis,	17 10
“ state vs. Orlen H. Ellis,	8 10
“ state vs. Orlen H. Ellis,	19 84
“ state vs. Orlen H. Ellis,	8 10

NOTES PAID.

Ashuelot National Bank,	\$1,000 00
Ashuelot National Bank,	1,000 00
Ashuelot National Bank,	1,000 00
Ashuelot National Bank,	5,000 00
Cash on hand,	15,024 03
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	\$53,095 30

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in treasury, July 1, 1897,	\$788 10
Cash borrowed on notes,	13,500 00
County tax, 1897,	37,000 00
Receipts from all other sources,	1,807 20
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	\$53,095 30
Commissioners' orders,	\$28,028 88
Court orders,	847 99
Jury pay rolls,	659 28
Witness and term fees,	535 12
Notes paid,	8,000 00
Cash in treasury, January 1, 1898,	15,024 03
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	\$53,095 30

STATEMENT OF COUNTY DEBT.

Cash in treasury,	\$15,024 03
Time notes outstanding,	13,500 00
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Balance,	\$1,524 03

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME E. WRIGHT,
County Treasurer.

Keene, N. H., January 1, 1898.

CHESHIRE SS.

KEENE, N. H., January 8, 1898.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing account of Jerome E. Wright, county treasurer, for the term commencing July 1, 1897, and ending December 31, 1897, and the orders, notes and payments named therein; we find them properly cast and legally vouched for, and a balance in the treasury of fifteen thousand and twenty-four dollars and three cents (\$15,024.03).

FRANCIS C. FAULKNER,
HERBERT B. VIALL,

Auditors.

WARREN H. BUTLER,
DANIEL R. COLE,
RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,
Cheshire County Commissioners.

CHESHIRE SS.

KEENE, N. H., January 8, 1898.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the county commissioners, superintendent of the county farm, and county treasurer for the past year, also the bills, vouchers and payments named therein, and find them correctly cast and well vouched; that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value, and we believe such articles have been used for the benefit of the county.

FRANCIS C. FAULKNER,
HERBERT B. VIALL,

Auditors.

WARREN H. BUTLER,
DANIEL R. COLE,
RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,
Cheshire County Commissioners.

Record of Cheshire County Convention.

FIRST MEETING.

CONCORD, N. H., January 13, 1897.

Pursuant to the requirements of the public statutes, the representatives of the towns of Cheshire county met in convention in the room of the judiciary committee in the state house at Concord, immediately after the morning adjournment, for organization. Twenty-two members were present.

The convention was called to order by Alfred T. Batchelder of Keene, and on motion of J. W. Jeffords of Hinsdale, a ballot was taken for chairman. Bertram Ellis of Keene, received all of the twenty-one votes cast, and was elected. Mr. Ellis took the chair.

On motion of John W. Prentiss of Walpole, one vote was cast by the chairman for John W. Jeffords of Hinsdale for clerk, and he was elected.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder and Mr. Barker of Keene, A. W. Pressler of Keene and John W. Prentiss of Walpole were chosen auditors.

On motion of Mr. Pressler of Keene, the convention adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

J. W. JEFFORDS,
Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: J. W. JEFFORDS, Clerk.

COUNTY CONVENTION AT THE COUNTY FARM.

SPECIAL MEETING.

WESTMORELAND, February 5, 1897.

The convention was called to order by President Ellis at 2 o'clock p. m., and upon motion of Mr. Pressler a vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Whitman for

their up-to-date entertainment. Seventeen representatives were present. In the absence of Mr. Jeffords, clerk of the convention, Mr. Pressler of Keene was elected clerk *pro tem*.

Mr. Butler, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, presented to the convention the following recommendations:

KEENE, January 21, 1897.

To the County Convention of Cheshire County:

The undersigned commissioners for said county respectfully recommend the county convention to raise the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) for each of the two years 1897 and 1898 for the following objects and purposes:

Court expenses,	\$6,000 00
Court house expenses and repairs,	500 00
County offices' printing, record books and stationery,	300 00
Salaries of county officers,	2,000 00
Pauper expenses at almshouse,	7,000 00
Pauper expenses outside,	11,000 00
State Industrial School,	200 00
New Hampshire Asylum,	2,000 00
Jail and House of Correction,	2,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	500 00
Aid to dependent soldiers,	2,000 00
Total,	\$34,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN H. BUTLER,
DANIEL R. COLE,
RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,
Cheshire County Commissioners.

A careful examination was made of all the county buildings. The commissioners called attention to the need of a building for the insane; also the need of protection in case of fire. It was thought best, in the absence of several members of the convention, not to take any vote upon the various matters concerning the county until the next meeting of the convention.

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, the convention adjourned to the call of the president.

A. W. PRESSLER,
Clerk *pro tem*.

A true copy. Attest: J. W. JEFFORDS, Clerk.

CONCORD, N. H., March 2, 1897.

The Cheshire county convention met in the judiciary room at the State House, on call of President Ellis, eighteen members being present. A. W. Pressler was chosen clerk *pro tem*. The recommendations presented to the convention at Westmoreland were considered at this time. On motion of Mr. Buckminster, of Roxbury, it was voted to raise the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) for each of the years 1897 and 1898 for the use of the county for county purposes. Voted to adjourn subject to the call of President Ellis.

A. W. PRESSLER,
Clerk *pro tem*.

A true copy. Attest: J. W. JEFFORDS, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

CONCORD, N. H., March 18, 1897.

The convention met in the room of the judiciary committee at the State House immediately after the morning adjournment of the House, President Ellis in the chair.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Batchelder of Keene, and was adopted:

That the county commissioners be and hereby are authorized to purchase the real estate called the "Patten Pasture," or other real estate, for the purpose of obtaining water, situated in Westmoreland, at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000); to put in water works, hydrants and necessary piping and plumbing in the county farm buildings, at an expense not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), and to erect upon the county lands in Westmoreland a building for the care of the insane poor of the county, at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and said county commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to make and issue the notes of the county to raise money for the above-named purposes, as follows:

\$3,000 to be payable January 1, 1898;

\$3,000 to be payable January 1, 1899;

\$3,000 to be payable January 1, 1900;

\$3,500 to be payable January 1, 1901.

Or such notes may be for such sums, not exceeding the amount given above, as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to properly perform said work.

Twenty-four members were present.

J. W. JEFFORDS,

Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: J. W. JEFFORDS, Clerk.

SPECIAL COUNTY CONVENTION.

KEENE, July 3, 1897.

Pursuant to call of county commissioners, and after due notification and publication of said call, the county delegation met in special convention at grand jury room, Keene, Saturday forenoon, July 3, 1897.

The meeting was called to order by President Ellis, twenty-three members being present.

The following motion was offered by Mr. Buckminster of Roxbury, and after discussion and deliberation was unanimously carried:

That, in addition to the sum (\$2,500) heretofore raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing real estate and providing water works at the county farm, there be and hereby is raised and appropriated a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars; and the county commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to give the note of the county of Cheshire for an amount not exceeding said two thousand dollars, payable January 1, 1902.

J. W. JEFFORDS, .
Clerk.





